

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and NEW YORK  
STATE *ex rel.* MABEL ACOSTA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EAST HARLEM COUNCIL FOR HUMAN  
SERVICES, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

**FILED UNDER SEAL**

**21 Civ. 8714 (KMK)**

**ORDER**

The United States of America (the “United States”) having declined to intervene pursuant to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(4)(B), with respect to the claims raised in the above-captioned *qui tam* action;

The State of New York having also declined to intervene pursuant to the New York False Claims Act, N.Y. State Fin. Law § 190(2)(f), with respect to the claims raised in the above-captioned *qui tam* action;

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The complaint shall be unsealed thirty days after entry of this Order and, in the event that the relator has not moved to dismiss the action, service upon the defendants by the relator is authorized as of that date. If the relator voluntarily dismisses the complaint pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure within this thirty-day period, the relator may seek to modify this Order with the consent of the United States and the State of New York or by motion on notice to the United States and the State of New York.

2. The Notice of Election to Decline Intervention shall be served by the relator upon defendants only after service of the complaint.

3. All documents filed in this action prior to the entry of this Order shall remain under seal and not be made public, except for, thirty days after entry of this Order, relator's *qui tam* complaint, this Order, and the Notices of Election to Decline Intervention.

4. Upon the unsealing of the complaint, the seal shall be lifted as to all other matters occurring in this action subsequent to the entry of this Order.

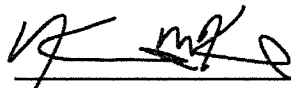
5. The parties shall serve all pleadings, motions, and notices of appeal filed in this action, including supporting memoranda and materials, upon the United States and the State of New York. The United States and the State of New York may order any deposition transcripts. The United States and the State of New York may seek to intervene in this action, for good cause, at any time or to seek dismissal of this action.

6. All orders of this Court shall be sent to the United States and the State of New York by the relator.

7. Should the relator or defendants propose that this action be dismissed, settled, or otherwise discontinued, the party or parties proposing such relief will solicit the written consent of the United States and the State of New York before applying for Court approval.

Dated: July 15, 2022

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Karas', is written over a horizontal line.

HONORABLE KENNETH M. KARAS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE